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Spring 2006 High School Assessments

English Language Arts (ELA) Assessment

Please remind assessment administrators to match the form number on the ELA answer folder to the number of the form on the ELA assessment booklet being administered to the students. For example, an ELA answer folder labeled **Forms 1-2** is to be used with a **Form 1 or 2** ELA assessment booklet; an ELA answer folder labeled **Forms 3-4** is to be used with a **Form 3 or 4** ELA assessment booklet and so on. The form numbers on the ELA answer folder must correspond to the form number on the assessment booklet.

Number 2 Pencils Required

Students are required to use a number 2 pencil on all multiple-choice and constructed-response items. Answer folders filled out with media other than a number 2 pencil cannot be scanned or scored. It is a good idea for assessment administrators to have a supply of sharpened, number 2 pencils available for student use during the assessments.

Spring Materials Shipment

All Spring 2006 test materials have been shipped to districts or schools. All backorders from the initial distribution were filled on March 15th and shipped overnight – this includes all test cycles.

All schools, including those testing in cycle 3, should receive original and backordered assessment materials by Monday, March 20.

Fall 2005 Information

Please review the appeal process and form for Grades 7 and 8 posted to the public MEAP website at www.michigan.gov/meap under "What's New".

Downloadable MEAP Data – Grades 3-8

The *TotalScoreMC* field values in the downloadable student data file on the MEAP secure website have changed for all subjects. When originally released the *TotalScoreMC* field value was the same as the raw score field value for each subject. These values now reflect the total raw score of only the multiple-choice items. Anyone who has downloaded their research file on or before Thursday, March 16th and uses this field for any calculations or analysis should download the file again.

Delay in Delivery of ELPA Materials

The Spring ELPA materials were originally scheduled to be delivered to buildings by March 15. Harcourt Assessment, Inc., the contractor for the English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) has announced new dates for delivery:

ELPA Materials	Delivery Date
Assessment booklets and answer documents	3/21-3/24
Directions for Administration (DFA)	3/27*
ELPA Security Compliance Form	3/29
New Student Registration Form	3/29
CDs and Audiotapes for Directions (contains oral directions in English for bolded sections for DFA)	3/29
ELPA Accommodated Materials	
Enlarged Print	3/29
Braille	3/29
CDs and Audiotapes for Accommodations	3/29

*Starting 3/22, electronic versions of the Directions for Administration will be available on the OEAA secure website for schools and districts who desire to start assessing students prior to the arrival of printed copies.

Harcourt staff has informed us that every effort will be made to minimize these delays-including working around-the-clock shifts, including weekends and shipping materials for one-day delivery.

The link in the OEAA secure website for additional ELPA materials is scheduled to be in place, starting March 20. We ask that you carefully check the above schedule prior to placing an additional order for a type of ELPA material that may already be on its way to you as a separate shipment.

Questions directly related to ELPA orders of materials may be placed to the Harcourt Customer Service Center at 1-800-763-2306; Fax: 1-800-634-0424; or e-mail: customersupportcenter@harcourt.com. For other questions about ELPA, please contact staff at the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability at 1-877-560-TEST (8378); Fax: 517-335-1186; or e-mail: OEAA@michigan.gov.

Again, we apologize for this delay. We appreciate your continued support in implementing ELPA this spring.

Upcoming Teleconference – Michigan Merit Examination

Mark April 27th on your calendars for a live teleconference from Wayne RESA with the latest information on the MME for spring 2007.

Fall 2006 Assessment Window

The dates for the Fall 2006 MEAP Grades 3-8 assessments were set back one week to accommodate the State law which delays the start of schools until after Labor Day. The Grades 3-8 assessment window is going to take place October 9 – 27, 2006. Every effort was made to accommodate religious and holy days during the assessment window. We will continue to work with schools to accommodate their schedules during this time. The Fall 2006 MEAP High School retest window will remain October 23 – November 3, 2006. Please address issues related to the fall assessment windows to oeaa@michigan.gov.

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Update.

The 2006 NAEP national assessment sample of schools in Michigan have completed testing. We had a 100% school acceptance level. Thank you to all the schools that participated. This year was a national sample year for the following assessments: U.S. History (grades 4,8,12), Civics (grades 4,8,12) and Economics (grade 12).

The 2007 NAEP administration will be a statewide sample year and will involve about 500 sampled schools from Michigan. The subjects that will be assessed are Reading (grades 4, 8, 12), Mathematics (grades 4,8,12), and Writing (grades 8,12). The testing window is January 22 - March 2, 2007. There is a special very small study, *Participation and Engagement Study of Twelfth Grade Students*, for fall participation (Oct. 9 - Nov. 17, 2006). In order to give you more advance notice, NAEP will be sending out an advance copy of the schools to be sampled in early May. OEAA will be sending an email notification as soon as we receive the list to notify those schools in the sample. The actual date assignments for testing will be released in early June. This will give the schools ample time to plan for the 2007 administration.

MEAP Test Centers

Registration for spring testing at one of our MEAP Test Centers (for nonpublic school students whose own school does not offer the MEAP assessments) has closed. The postmark deadline was February 4. Confirmation letters containing maps and detailed information about testing were sent to registered students on March 4. Information about fall testing will be posted on our website in late May. Go to www.michigan.gov/meap then look for "MEAP Test Centers" near the bottom of the page. If you have questions about MEAP Test Centers, contact Bob Nelson at 517-241-4987.